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> To whom it may concern...
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> I have just finished reading an article about the proposed Microsoft
> settlement and can only shake my head in disbelief. While I agree that
> severe penalties are in order, the form of this settlement will only
further
> establish the monopolistic behavior that MS already enjoys.
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> YES... forcing them to spend \$1 billion on the poorest school districts is
a
> wonderful idea and I applaud the effort. Unfortunately, this also helps
the
> Microsoft WinTel cartel into a more dominant position.
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> Wasn't this entire case about CHOICE
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> A better idea would be to force Microsoft to outfit these schools with
> software/hardware solutions from its competitors (Apple, Linux, Sun)
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> This settlement is neither in the interest of consumers who will further
> have their ability of choice eroded, nor those business and their
employees
> who will be forced out of business as MS is allowed to play the same games
> it has since its inception.
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> Thank you for your consideration
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